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WFA TO SELL CONDENSED MILK DAMAGED IN FIRE

BRAR CURRENT SERIAL RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14-The regional Office of Distribution of the War Food Administration is negotiating with prospective purchasers for the sale of 7,020 cases of sweetened condensed milk salvaged from a recent fire in a San Francisco waterfront warehouse.

Charles W. Smith, regional director of food distribution, said the milk, when sold, may be used only for manufacturing purposes.

WALNUT SET-ASIDE REDUCED -- Shippers of walnuts grown in California and Oregon now are required to set aside for shelling a quantity of nuts equal to only 10 per cent of their mer dantable "in-shell" shipments, through an amendment to War Food Order 82, retroactive to September 15. The original 1944 set-aside, announced in September, was 20 per cent. The WFA expects the volume of walnuts available from this year's crop will approximate last year's supply when, after culling, 825,000 bags of in-shell nuts and 14,200,000 pounds of shelled nuts were marketed.

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LARD IN SOAP RESTRICTED -- The WFA has amended War Food Order 42B to limit the use of lard and rendered pork fat, in the manufacture of soap, to stocks purchased prior to November 13. The action was taken to conserve these fats for future edible needs.

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TOBACCO ALLOCATION ASKED -- Members of the burley tobacco industry advisory committee, meeting in Washington were virtually unanimous in recommending to the WFA that the 1944 burley crop be allocated to manufacturers and dealers. Production of burley tobacco this year is estimated at 488,000,000 pounds, compared with 390,000, 000 pounds in 1943 and a 10-year average of 326,000,000 pounds.

BIDS ACCEPTED ON EGGS -- The WFA has accepted bids on 5,240 cases of shell eggs, part of the 132,859 cases offered for sale November 6. Among those sold are 100 cases located in Portland, Ore., on which the successful bidder was Shekter & Co., Portland.

Meanwhile, the WFA is making arrangements to dry its stocks of frozen eggs purchased to support producer prices during the past season. Because they are not needed now in the domestic market, they will be converted to dried eggs for export purposes, to avoid interfering with the domestic frozen egg market.

Contracts will be prepared and ready for submission to the industry in about a week. All details will be handled from Washington, but full information will be available from the regional Procurement and Price Support Division of the WFA's Office of Distribution in San Francisco.

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